

**Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate<sup>1</sup> and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work<sup>2</sup> involving musculoskeletal disorders<sup>3</sup> by selected natures of injury or illness, Texas, 2001**

Nature		Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total		32,838	10	47.3	3.8
02	Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	26,378	8	38.0	3.9
021	Sprains, strains, tears	26,378	8	38.0	3.9
09	Other traumatic injuries and disorders	1,379	13	2.0	8.4
097	Nonspecified injuries and disorders	1,379	13	2.0	8.4
0972	Back pain, hurt back	856	12	1.2	10.3
0973	Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	522	30	0.8	12.9
12	Nervous system and sense organs diseases	1,804	39	2.6	7.5
124	Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	1,804	39	2.6	7.5
1241	Carpal tunnel syndrome	1,804	39	2.6	7.5
15	Digestive system diseases and disorders	1,288	28	1.9	8.7
153	Hernia	1,288	28	1.9	8.7
1530	Hernia, unspecified	875	24	1.3	10.2
1531	Inguinal hernia	181	24	0.3	21.5
1533	Ventral hernia	--	--	--	--
1539	Hernia, n.e.c.	214	33	0.3	19.8
17	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	1,990	18	2.9	7.3
170	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, unspecified	782	30	1.1	10.8
171	Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
172	Dorsopathies	315	23	0.5	16.4
1720	Dorsopathies, unspecified	97	35	0.1	29.2
1722	Lumbago	--	--	--	--
1723	Disc disorders, except dislocation	--	--	--	--
1729	Dorsopathies, n.e.c.	211	14	0.3	19.9
173	Rheumatism, except the back	830	15	1.2	10.5
1730	Rheumatism, except the back, unspecified	--	--	--	--
1731	Bursitis	--	--	--	--
1733	Tendonitis	379	9	0.6	15.0
1734	Tenosynovitis	107	12	0.2	27.8
1735	Ganglion/cystic tumor	62	10	0.1	36.5
1739	Rheumatism, except the back, n.e.c.	260	21	0.4	18.0
179	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, n.e.c.	61	33	0.1	36.7

<sup>1</sup> Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as:  
 $(N / EH) \times 20,000,000$  where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,

EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,

20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

<sup>2</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, August 04, 2003